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Amdt. dated July 12, 2006
Reply to Office action of June 16, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claim 5 is merged into Claim 1 to form the currently amended claim 1. Claim 5 is therefore canceled. Claims 2, 3, 6-8 are amended to remove the redundant word "further".
- 5 Claim 4 is amended to fix a grammatical error. Claims 9-11 are amended to claim the "light guide plate" instead of the "edge-light backlight module", so that the process of making in claims 1-4, 6-8 is consistent with the product made in claims 9-11. No new matter is introduced in these amendments.

10 2. **Election/Restriction:**
Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a method of fabricating a light guide plate, classified in class 264, subclass 2.5 from a machined surface of the mold.
- II. Claims 9-11, drawn to an edge-light backlight module having a light source and light guide plate, classified in class 362, subclass 600.

15 The inventions are distinct, each from other because of the following reasons:
Inventions (Group I) and (Group II) are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product 20 as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP 806.05(f)). In the instant case contoured surface of the molding die and molding matrix can be created by the method of galvanoplasty or electric discharge method, therefore restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

25 **Response:**

Although the contoured surface of the molding die and molding matrix can be created by the method of galvanoplasty or electric discharge method, the method of galvanoplasty or

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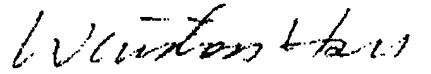
electric discharge method cannot make micro-mirror structures. In fact, the micro-mirror structures as claimed can only be formed by laser beams. Since the product as claimed cannot be made by another and materially different process, it is believed that the restriction for examination purposes as indicated is improper. It is therefore politely requested to withdraw

5 the Election/Restrictions requirement.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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